**Ms. Carrie’s 6th Grade Language Arts Syllabus**

**2017-2018**

**Hancock County Middle/High School**

**Course Description:** In 6th Grade Language Arts, we will be working to strengthen skills in reading literature, reading information, writing, language, speaking and listening. Throughout the year and throughout each unit, we will focus on developing these skills. We will spend a lot of time looking at content area texts and use evidence to support our understandings in both speaking and writing. Since this is Language Arts, you are expected to always write in complete sentences (unless the directions tell you otherwise), paying attention to punctuation, grammar and spelling. You will also be learning to write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes. Throughout the year we will use strategies like context clues and resources like dictionaries to determine the meaning of words.

**Grading Breakdown**

50% Tests, Quizzes, Projects, and Writing

30% Daily Assignments

20% Interactive Notebook

**Grading Policies**

***Late Work***

Late work is discouraged, and will not be accepted past the due date. Some assignments, especially projects, will be graded partly on promptness. While you may turn in the project late, you will not be able to earn full points. **It is the responsibility of the student to ask for the makeup work.**

***Attendance***

The student is responsible for “being” in class at all times. One meaning of the word “attend” is “to pay attention.” Students will NOT be allowed to sleep in class. At all times, students are expected to be energetic and eager to absorb instruction.

***Quizzes & Tests***

For quizzes, you will be able to use your interactive notebook. Tests must be taken without the use of your interactive notebook.

**Interactive Notebooks**

Each day you will take notes on the skills that we are covering for that day. You will be required to keep up with these notes and refer back to them throughout the year. I will do a notebook check at 4 ½ weeks and 9 weeks of each 9 weeks. I will look for content and neatness. We do not take notes just to throw them away or lose them.

**Class Materials**

* 3 subject notebook
* 1 pack of loose leaf paper
* Pencils (wooden pencil or mechanical)
* 2 – 2 pocket folders without prongs
* 1 pack of 3x5 ruled index cards

**Class Rules**

1. Listen when your teacher is talking.
2. Follow directions quickly.
3. Respect others, respect yourself, and respect your school.
4. Raise your hand to speak or stand.
5. Be safe, be kind, and be honest.

**Academic Integrity:** Students are expected to reflect a high standard of academic integrity (honesty). Plagiarism, which occurs when a student deliberately attempts to cheat or pass off the work of someone else as his/her own, is a breach of integrity.

**Respect of Classroom Property:** Students are expected to respect every classroom object. Trash must be placed in the trash can. Food is not allowed. You must take good care of your notebook and other supplies, which includes not only bringing it with you to class but also carrying it with you when you leave; you will not be permitted to leave it in the desk or anywhere else in the classroom until you return.

**Class Procedures**

1. Be prepared with materials and a pencil (or borrow one from a friend).

2. Start your bellringer when you enter the classroom.

3. Look at the board for homework and daily directions.

4. If turning in homework, place it in the correct basket for your class.

5. Work cooperatively in small groups, independently, or as a whole group.

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**I was absent yesterday, what do I do?**

Check the We Missed You binder and folders in the classroom. If we completed notes in class, it is your responsibility to copy that information from a friend or borrow my interactive notebook.

**I need to go to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, what do I do?**

To be successful in Language Arts class, it is crucial that you remain in class. However, I do realize that emergencies do occur. In case of an emergency, arrangements will be made.

**The homework gave me trouble, HELP!**

I would love to help you! You may stop by my classroom before or after school. If it is not a good time, I will schedule another time for us to meet, and work through the problem.

**Contact Information**

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